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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 69.3 degrees, 0.8 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, September 9. Precipitation averaged 0.25 inches, this is 0.36 inches less than the historic level. The West Central district received the most precipitation with 0.47 inches, while the Southeast district received the least at 0.05 inches. Growing degree days were 9 days below normal.

Reporters rated 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, September 7. This is 0.3 days more than last year and 0.6 days more than the 1996-00 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 11 percent very short, 24 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

Days Suitable			
	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2001	6.3	5.2	108.1
2000	6.0	6.0	98.7
1996-2000 Average	5.7	6.6	108.3

Topsoil Moisture				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	11	24	63	2
Last Week	8	26	61	5
Same Week Last Year	3	17	78	3
1996-2000 Average	15	24	57	4

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9

Reporters estimated that 96 percent of the **Corn** crop is in the dough stage. This is two days ahead of last year and three days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Seventy four percent of the corn crop is dented. This is one day ahead of last year and five days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Corn harvested for silage is 30 percent complete. This is three days ahead of last year and eight days ahead of the 1996-00 average. The corn crop is 11 percent mature. This is eight days behind last year and one day behind the 1996-00 average. Thirty two percent of the **Soybean** crop is dropping leaves. This is two day behind last year and about three days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Soybeans are nine percent mature. This is three days ahead of last year. **Alfalfa hay** third cutting is 87 percent complete. This is one day behind last year

but five days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Alfalfa hay fourth cutting is 24 percent complete. This is seven days behind last year. **Other Hay** third cutting is 69 percent complete. This is eleven days ahead of last year and nine days ahead of the 1996-00 average. The **Tobacco** crop is 99 percent topped. This is about three days behind last year. Forty-nine percent of the tobacco crop has been harvested. This is two days behind last year. **Potatoes** are 59 percent harvested. This is five days behind last year but eight days ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Cucumbers** are 81 percent harvested. This is nine days behind last year. **Processing Tomatoes** are 52 percent harvested. This is two days ahead of last year and six days ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Summer apples** are 89 percent harvested, this is 10 days behind last year. **Fall and Winter apples** are 17 percent harvested. This is on schedule with last year. **Peaches** are 89 percent harvested. This is nine days behind last year. **Grapes** are 18 percent harvested.

Activities throughout the state include plowing, mowing ditches, cutting clover seed, waterway construction and preparation, baling hay and straw, repairing equipment, hauling grain and manure, clipping wheat stubble, seeding CRP filter strips and alfalfa fields, shearing Christmas trees, picking apples, peaches, and grapes, harvesting corn silage, harvesting late sweet corn, ripe and greenpack tomatoes being harvested in Meigs county and shipping out mums and kale. Cucumber, and potato, and other vegetables harvesting continues. Attending remaining county fairs as season draws to close to the last few.

**CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS**  
Field crops are showing the stress from lack of rainfall. In some areas corn ears are not completely filled out and soybeans are smaller and not completely developed. Reported insects included soybean aphids, spittle bugs, horse flies, face flies, deer flies, mosquitoes, diamond back moths, spider mites, leaf hoppers, and Japanese beetles. Reported weed problems include crabgrass, giant ragweeds, Golden Rod, lambs quarter, thistles, and mares tail. Fruit and vegetable crops were reported in good to excellent condition throughout the state. Some growers reporting losses in their squash pumpkin and pepper crops in some Northeast areas.

Reporters rated 45 percent of the pastures in good to excellent condition. The corn crop is 52 percent in good to excellent condition. Soybeans are rated 54 percent in good to excellent condition.

Livestock were reported in mostly good condition. The cooler temperatures and low humidity the past week has helped with the livestock stress throughout the state.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9

Crop	2001	2000	1996-00 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	87	86	79	80	NA
Alfalfa hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	24	38	NA	14	NA
Corn dented	74	73	60	52	68
Corn harvested for silage	30	24	18	13	NA
Corn in dough	96	95	94	92	91
Corn mature	11	14	11	6	20
Cucumbers harvested	81	91	NA	78	NA
Fall and Winter apples harvested	17	17	13	10	NA
Grapes harvested	18	33	NA	5	NA
Other hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	69	52	53	53	NA
Peaches harvested	89	98	NA	86	NA
Potatoes harvested	59	76	50	51	NA
Processing Tomatoes harvested	52	47	40	33	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	32	27	25	13	NA
Soybeans mature	9	6	NA	3	NA
Summer apples harvested	89	98	98	84	NA
Tobacco harvested	49	50	NA	41	NA
Tobacco topped	99	100	NA	98	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	11	32	40	12
Previous Week	4	12	30	41	13
Previous Year	2	4	18	49	27
HAY					
Current Week	2	12	34	41	11
Previous Week	3	13	31	43	10
Previous Year	0	5	19	58	18
PASTURE					
Current Week	5	16	34	35	10
Previous Week	6	15	34	36	9
Previous Year	1	5	24	52	18
SOYBEANS					
Current Week	3	10	33	41	13
Previous Week	3	11	30	43	13
Previous Year	4	9	25	46	16

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9

Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr. 1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr. 1	Dev.
Northwest	70.1	2.2	0.40	-0.24	18.61	0.54	140	12	2775	172
North Central	69.1	1.2	0.35	-0.28	15.27	-3.38	118	-9	2711	152
Northeast	67.2	0.4	0.11	-0.60	13.74	-5.24	109	-12	2492	67
West Central	70.4	1.7	0.47	-0.09	23.69	4.31	130	-2	2882	185
Central	69.2	0.4	0.33	-0.29	20.59	0.35	119	-14	2890	163
Central Hills	68.1	0.8	0.26	-0.37	17.64	-2.33	112	-13	2646	116
Northeast Hills	67.6	-0.1	0.09	-0.56	16.83	-3.03	110	-17	2636	62
Southwest	71.1	1.0	0.36	-0.20	24.73	4.13	132	-9	3009	146
South Central	70.5	0.4	0.06	-0.48	21.86	1.63	126	-14	3034	147
Southeast	68.7	0.0	0.05	-0.51	20.80	0.49	114	-18	2815	89
STATE	69.3	0.8	0.25	-0.36	19.70	0.05	122	-9	2804	132

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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